

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** Customs and Border Protection has had no permanent leadership in the Commissioner position for over a year and the recent retirement of Acting Commissioner Jay Ahern has left the Agency without a Director;

**WHEREAS,** President Obama nominated Mr. Alan Bersin to lead the agency, but over three months have passed and a date for his confirmation hearing has yet to be set;

**WHEREAS,** it is of utmost importance permanent commissioner be in place to begin the necessary steps to outline the 2011 Fiscal Year budget;

**WHEREAS,** as the largest international metroplex in the world, the El Paso-Cuidad Juarez region recognizes the importance of good leadership at the Customs and Border Protection Agency to insure safe, secure and efficient movement of goods and people across our nation's borders; and

**WHEREAS,** the El Paso Committee on Border Relations has considered the matter and has recommended that the Mayor and City Council send a letter requesting that the confirmation process for the appointment of Alan Bersin as Commissioner of the Customs and Border Protection Agency be commenced as soon as possible.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

That the Mayor be authorized to send a letter on behalf of the City of El Paso to Senator Max Baucus, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, requesting a hearing to begin the confirmation process for Alan Bersin as Customs and Border Patrol Commissioner.

**ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of January 2010.**

**CITY OF EL PASO**

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John F. Cook  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Sylvia Borunda Firth  
Senior Assistant City Attorney

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